www.exploreruralindia.org, India tourism offices in the country and abroad and by participation of rural artisans in mega shopping festivals in the country and also in international events such as India@60 in Singapore, PATA Travel Mart in Hyderabad, Volvo Ocean Race in Cochin etc.

Eco-tourism in the country

1680. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to promote the eco-tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken by Government to exploit the tourist potential along with the budget allocation made to each of the States during the last two years, till date?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Tourism promotes all tourism products of the country including eco-tourism through collaterals/print/electronic and internet media under the "Incredible India" campaign. Information is also disseminated through the website *www.incredibleindia.org* and India tourism offices in the country and abroad. However, Ministry of Tourism also extends Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to the State Governments/UT Administrations for development of tourism circuits/destinations including Eco-Tourism sites under the Scheme of Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits.

The Central Financial Assistance (CFA) provided to State Governments/UT Administrations for development of Eco-Tourism in the last two years till date is enclosed as Statement.

Statement

Details of Central Financial Assistance provided to State Governments/UT Administrations in last two years till date for development of Eco-tourism.

(Rs. in lakh)

State	Sl.No.	Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1	2	3	4	5	6
Andhra Pradesh	1	Development of Laknavaran Lake as Eco-tourism destination in Warangal Distt.	2006-07	468.63	337.90
Arunachal Pradesh	2.	Development of Dolma Park at Lumla	2008-09	170.00	136.00
	3	Development of Tourism Infrastructure near Pakhui Wild life Sanctuary at Seijosa. East Kameng Distt.	2007-08	336.51	269.21
Assam	4.	Development of Eco-tourism at Haflong	2007-08	63.47	50.77

1	2	3	4	5	6
Haryana	5	Development of Eco-tourism in Kalesar	2007-08	319.00	255.20
	6	Development of Eco-tourism in Morni-Pinjoire Hills and Sultanpur National Park	2007-08	329.00	263.20
Himachal Pradesh	7	Development of Eco-tourism in Himachal Pradesh	2007-08	368.22	294.57
	8	Tourism Development & Environment Preservation Scheme	2007-08	25.91	5.19
Karnataka	9.	Development of Wilderness Tourism Circuit	2006-07	226.88	204.20
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	11.	IT Infrastructure for Eco-tourism by M/s. Jungle Lodges and Resorts	2005-06	53.29	26.64
Kerala	12.	Development of Ranipuram as Eco-tourism Destination	2006-07	357.01	285.60
	13.	Malabar Mangrove Eco-tourism Circuit in Malapupura, Kozhikode, Kannur and Kasargode Districts	2008-09	349.36	279.49
Manipur	14.	Development of Eco-tourism Park at Imphal	2006-07	345.29	172.64
Madhya Pradesh	15.	Development of Panna as Tourist Destination Nagaland	2006-07	421.66	337.00
	16.	Integrated Development of Mon as Eco-Adventure & Culture destination	2008-09	452.76	362.20
Orissa	17.	Development of Eco-tourism at Bhitarkanika	2006-07	383.22	191.61
	18.	Development of Simlipal, Distt. Maurbhanj	2006-07	297.12	237.70
Sikkim	19.	Construction of Indian Himalayan Centre for Adventure and Eco-Tourism at Chemchi	2007-08	389.54	311.63
Uttar Pradesh	20.	Development of Corbett National Park as a Tourist Circuit	2007-08	602.00	481.60